

Leicester,

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Dear friend M<sup>r</sup> Kim,

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The letter of Mrs. Chapman, of which I spoke to you in a former note, is enclosed, as I think you may like to see (if you can decipher) her views about the Standard, & the project of a Union with the Liberator, &c. — Our Exec<sup>t</sup> Committee had a meeting in Boston yesterday, at which J. & L. Ch. were present, and of course represented ably & fully your State. The result appeared to be that we had visible means of continuing the Standard, at the farthest, no longer than till the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup>; and it seemed to be agreed that a strong & united effort sh<sup>d</sup>. be made to economize our funds at every point, & to call in contributions from all possible quarters, in order to sustain the paper certainly till the end of the War, or at least to the end of our current volume. I think



the Motts will tell you that Garrison gave no sort of encouragement whatsoever to the project of a Union of the papers. As a Society's organ, it would no longer be the Liberator, &c.

I was very sorry not to stay in town; & hear Lucretia Mott next Sunday at the Music hall; but I had overstayed my time by 2 days, as it was, - and it was quite necessary I should come home. — You can do as you please about returning Mr. L's letter, but I would rather it would not be shown to others, as I have no authority to that end.

I cannot think of the stopping of the "Standard" with any composure. At present, there is a sort of financial cloud over people's minds; - the future is uncertain, and they don't know what they can afford, to spend, or to give. But that cannot last, in the nature of



things, much longer; and when  
business revives, as it must, and  
money comes to circulate more freely,  
I cannot but think we shall be  
able to renew our efforts for collections  
with better success. Hitherto our  
American Socy's Circular has had  
no response <sup>of consequence,</sup> ~~but~~ of our immediate  
ranks.

With sincere regard

Yours

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